

Missouri Charter Public School Commission

Sponsor Application Process – Adopted September 9, 2015

1. MCPSC and staff will use the “Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing” published by National Association of Charter School Authorizers as a foundation of its charter school authorizing and sponsorship program. MCPSC reserves the right to modify the document.
2. MCPSC will accept applications for potential sponsorship at any time. Missouri State statute requires that charters be granted by the State Board of Education by December 1 in order to open school the following school year. In order to meet this deadline, applications must be received by MCPSC by May 31. Applications received June 1 or after will be reviewed for opening in the year following the next school year. MCPSC reserves the right to modify this deadline.
3. MCPSC will use the “Missouri Model Document: Model Charter School Application (Revised October 2011).” MCPSC reserves the right to modify the application.
4. MCPSC will use “Missouri Model Document: Model Charter School Agreement.” MCPSC reserves the right to modify the agreement.
5. Applications will be reviewed by staff and consultants of MCPSC. The review will use Missouri State Statute, Code of State Regulations, Principles and Standards and the “Missouri Model Document: Model Charter School Application Evaluation Rubric (Revised October 2011).” MCPSC reserves the right to modify the rubric.
6. Based on the recommendation of staff and prior to a formal vote to approve sponsorship, MCPSC will hold a public hearing on the proposed charter school. The public hearing will be held in the school district, and if possible, in the community or neighborhood the proposed charter school plans to locate.
7. After a public hearing and prior to a formal vote to approve the charter school, the Commission will interview applicants and the board members.
8. Staff may recommend denial of an application to the Commission without a public hearing or an interview of the board. Applicants are not guaranteed a hearing or an interview.
9. Staff recommendations for denial or approval do not bind the Commission. Decision to deny or approve an application for sponsorship can only be granted by a majority vote of the Commission.